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City workers installed the first of three tree houses at Churchill Square on Monday. The houses are part of a public art installation called Impose and will be up all summer. RYAN TUMILITY/METRO

Motherfears schoolcuts

EDUCATION

Parents worried about changes to funding for special needs



Leah Holoiday Metro | Edmonton

Jane knows how much in-school support has helped in her fiveyear-old son Drew's development. Now she's worried it will disappear.

Diagnosed with a rare chromosome disorder, Drew meets regularly with behavioral experts, along with speech, language and occupational therapists, to help him prepare for Grade 1 at Sister Annata Brockman School next year.

But now, Jane — who asked

her last name not be published, for worry of repercussions at work — fears it all could be cut, after the province released its latest austerity budget.

The budget takes a chunk out of both inclusive education resources and funding for next year's student enrolment, provincewide.

Jane said the support Drew's received is critical, but she has also taken an active role in helping him.

'My experience is the minority out there," Jane said, referring to her ability to be part of her son's care. What she worries about are other parents with special-needs children who don't have that ability.

As part of the Edmonton Catholic School district, Sister Annata is now faced with a 1.9 per cent cut to inclusive education, which works out to a \$447,000 shortfall across the entire school board.

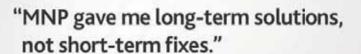
It's going to be a disaster. Jane, mother

"You pull more funding out of the education system and it's just going to boil over," said Jane. "It's just so far stretched right now — and they take away more?"

Unfortunately for her son, Jane expects Drew will be hit twice by funding cuts — first from the inclusive education funding and then as a new student next year coming into the district.

Alberta school board trustees rallied Monday to lobby the government for funding to meet prospective enrolment figures.

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Elephant coat goes unused

Advocates question coat's whereabouts



Leah **Holoiday**

It's an odd story about a coat but, then, it's not your typical coat.

More than three months ago, a group of concerned advocates bestowed a specially designed coat upon the Edmonton Zoo's resident elephant, Lucy.

But the garment, which Lucy has never worn, has still not found a proper home: on an actual elephant.

Back in February, the group called Friends of Lucy were so worried about how the animal was handling the city's winter, they donated her a \$250 bespoke, warming, waterproof jacket.

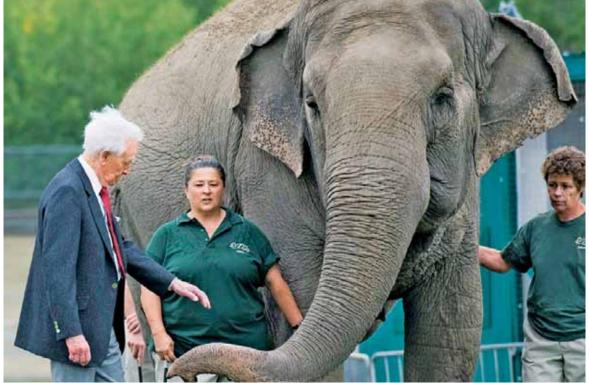
Zoo authorities responded, however, that Lucy was well



An elephant at the Elephant **Nature Park in Thailand** wears a similar garment.

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Bob Barker meets Lucy the elephant in 2009. At the time, Lucy was at the centre of a battle between the city and animal-rights activists who wanted her moved to a warmer climate to live with other elephants. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

protected from the elements and had no need for the coat. Instead, officials said the coat would be donated to another elephant in need.

Fast-forward to April, and people who helped fund the jacket are looking for answers.

Local resident Mary-Ann Holm, who recently kicked off the Lucy's Edmonton Advocacy Project, said that people are concerned about Lucy's health because of Edmonton's cold winters.

"People are wondering, because they did donate (money for the coat) ... and nobody knows what happened to it," she said.

Edmonton Zoo spokeswoman Debi Winwood said officials still have the jacket and haven't yet decided where it should be donated.

While Lucy's coat has gone unused, Diana Niver, the New York-based seamstress who created it, said she's made more than 30 others for elephants around the world since making Lucy's, including for animals in sanctuaries in Thai-

Using a waterproof cloth, Niver said the material is rugged and it takes about three hours to turn it into an insulated jacket, decked out with special straps to keep the garment in place.

"Elephants get very cold," said Niver. "They cold just like everybody else.

TRANSIT

Beware fake bus passes

EDMONTON

Kijiji or Facebook buy-and-sell sites might seem like great places to grab a discount Edmonton Transit pass, but security officials are warning that buyers should beware.

What we find is the ones you're buying on Kijiji (are) more likely to be counterfeit. We've had some of the subsidized passes used to start some counterfeit (selling) and effectively have stopped some of those sellers," said Rico Page, security superintendent with Edmonton Transit.

Counterfeit sellers have been tracked down online by staff with the city's corporate security department and could face criminal charges, he said.

On Monday, Metro did a cursory search of Kijiji and found 13 passes for sale on the first page of listings. Of those, most fall into the legalto-sell category, but some were illegal ads.

Although transit passes with a reduced rate are exclusively on the no-sell list, adult monthly passes have no restrictions and can be transferred, explained Page.

Subsidized passes like the youth or senior pass are nontransferable. Those are definitely ones people shouldn't purchase online, Page said.

If you sell passes at transit stations, even if they are of the transferable kind, you are at risk of receiving a \$250 fine, Page said.

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City asked to help fund robot parking

If all goes well,

the Winspear hopes to break

ground on the expanded

facility in 2016 and open in 2019.

Imagine: It's the future and you drive to the Winspear for an event, and then a robot arrives to park your car for you.

It's not science fiction — the centre is proposing a robotic system that would treat your car like candy in a vending machine as part of a coming expansion. But to make this

robot future a reality, the Winspear is asking the city for a \$25-million loan.

The centre's board is planning a \$78-million expansion for a new theatre, and city council could approve a \$13-million grant for that project as early as next week.

But the Winspear would like the city to also consider a loan for the robotic parking structure that it would pay back through parking revenue.

Mayor Don Iveson said he supports the overall project, but there are a lot of questions that have to be answered before the city turns over its credit line.

'It's not an automatic for us and I think we have to look at it very carefully, because of the rules that exist for good reason around making sure our debt levels remain low," he said.

Iveson added there are a lot of community organizations that might want to use the city's credit rating, but it raises concerns.

Annemarie Petrov, the Win-

spear's executive director, said they see a real potential in the parking system to generate revenue, and it will replace the parking the facility is losing for the new theatre.

"The robotic element is just so you get the most use out of this relative-

ly small footprint," she said. Petrov added they are in the early stages of fundraising for what they're calling the "completion" of the Winspear as it was originally designed and they're excited for the

potential. "What the completion does is allow that music that we are capable of performing in the hall, become much more accessible to the community.' RYAN TUMII TY/MFTRO



The Winspear expansion would include a robotic parkade, a new theatre and a daycare centre. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO



School board chairs rallied in Edmonton and Calgary Monday to ask the province to restore enrolment funding, kevin TUONG/METRO

Boards 'desperately' need enrolment cash

EDUCATION

Minister says reserves could keep front-line services afloat



Leah Holoiday Metro | Edmonton

They asked politely, but the message was clear: The government needs to fund next year's student enrolment.

In Edmonton, the chairs for the city's public and Catholic schools, along with members of four surrounding school boards,

called on the province to fund the new student enrolment for 2015-16 after the government tabled a budget last month that kept education funding stagnant.

"We are asking — desperately asking - that new enrolment for students in Alberta be funded," said ECS chair Debbie Engel.

The district is expecting 1,800 new students next year and is now planning on a \$12.1-million shortfall because there's no increase to provincial funding.

Edmonton's public school board is expecting 2,500 to 3,000 new students, which, according to chair Michael Janz, means doing more with less.

That's equivalent to 100 new classrooms ... with no new funds to operate them.

Michael Janz

"Even at the low end, that's equivalent to 100 new classrooms, full of new students with no new funds to operate them," he said.

As school boards rallied to show solidarity for the united message, Education Minister Gordon Dirks announced districts are being encouraged to

use reserve funding to support front-line services over the next

The announcement is a change of pace after a March 26 memo from the minister restricting the use of those reserves by boards, requiring them to receive special permission from the ministry.

"We provide (school boards) with money not for reserves, we provide them with money to provide the very best frontline teaching services that they can and, over the years, boards have not spent all the money,' Dirks said Monday.

Currently, there is approximately \$460 million in reserves across the province.







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City not getting the love

How do people feel about life in Edmonton? Not so great compared to some other Canadian cities, according to survey results.

A recent Statistics Canada report said that when asked how they rate their life as a whole, right now, on a scale of 0 to 10, Edmonton's results are a mediocre 7.8 out of 10, making it the fifth lowest out of 32 cities in Canada.

The results rank the city lower on quality of life than the national average of almost 8 out of 10 — even below Calgary.

But local representatives, who are working to improve the perception of life in Edmonton, said that there's a need to improve people's ability to express what they do like about the city.

These results are showing that (Edmontonians) are not satisfied, but what we found when talking with Edmontonians is they generally like living here but struggle to articulate why or a unified story for that," said Chris Gusen, marketing and communications specialist with Make Something Edmonton.

City officials who ran the We Love Edmonton campaign, which encouraged people to submit their favourite spots in the city, suggest that Edmontonians need to show love for their city consistently.

"I think citizens are engaged enough that what is happening matters to them. People actually do care enough to share what they do or don't love," said Heather Wheeliker, who ran the campaign for the city.

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Concerns over university programs getting the cut

EDUCATION

Student fears course of study will be deemed 'low value'



Leah **Holoiday** Metro | Edmonton

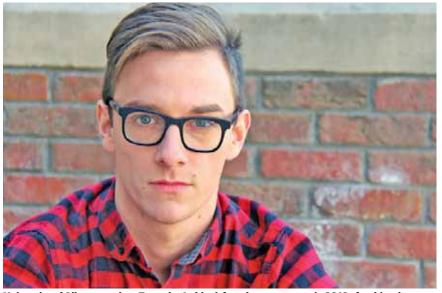
Alberta students fear that "lowvalue" programs the government announced it would target in the spring budget are the very same programs they consider highly

In his budget address last month, Finance Minister Robin Campbell said the province will be looking for post-secondary institutions to "preserve high demand" programs, while shedding "low-value" ones that "do not represent a good return on investment.'

For University of Alberta student Tymothy Jaddock, that provincial directive could mean his minor is at risk.

With a major in political science and a minor in Ukrainian Folklore, Jaddock said he's constantly living in fear his program could be considered "low value."

"Being a student in the faculty of arts, you definitely feel at risk with the budget cuts," said Jaddock. "The government might not see a high value on this education, but I totally see a high value on it."



University of Alberta student Tymothy Jaddock faced program cuts in 2013 after his minor, Ukrainian Folklore, was deemed "low value" by the university. LEAH HOLOIDAY/METRO

After the province cut postsecondary funding by seven per cent in 2013, Jaddock said he saw essential courses necessary for his degree axed.

"What that (meant) for me, was I (had) to try and take other classes in the (department of modern languages and culture studies), ask the professor if I can write my paper on a Slavic topic and than write a petition to the faculty of arts saying that class should be counted towards my minor.

"It makes my job as a student

way more difficult," he said. "That's because folklore is seen as a low value program to the government.

Advanced Education and Innovation spokesperson John Muir said while the province will be reviewing all institution's requests to suspend a program, it's up to the post-secondary administration to determine what programs are "low value."

We expect all institutions to live within their allocated budgets, so it's the institutions themselves that realize cost savings. They are in the best position to speak to their individual budget decisions," he said, adding the government will review each proposal based on a set of criteria (see sidebar).

Jim Brenan was chair of the music and theatre arts programs at Calgary's Mount Royal University until both were eliminated in 2013.

Brenan said the impacts of the program shutdowns were far-reaching and he believes, in all likelihood, similar programs at other schools will be among



What constitutes lowvalue? Here are some of the criteria a post-secondary institutions needs to look into before the government will consider a suspension to one of its programs:

- A rational for suspen-
- Plans to manage impact on students.
- . Labour market demand for graduates.
- Application, enrolment, retention and completion data.
- Alternate programs and/or delivery modes.
- Impact on other programs or partner institutions
- Consultation with stakeholders.
- Board approval.
- Impact on institutional mandate.
- Could another institution deliver the program in a more costeffective way?

the first classified as "low value."

"It's really a lack of understanding," he said. "We have politicians who just don't care ... shouldn't a university be focusing on greater quality of life, higher education?

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Downtown booms, transit waits in wings

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

City officials stay cautious on bus route expansions



Stephanie Dubois Metro|Edmonton

Downtown may be getting a new look thanks to several construction projects, but transit routes aren't reflecting that change.

City officials at an open house on minor bus route changes said Monday despite population projections for the future downtown, it's still too early to change transit routes.

"There could be more routes added but it's unlikely that we'll see any major changes in the next year or two," said Andrew Gregory, senior transit planning engineer.

Until rider numbers spike, the

city remains conservative with future plans, argued Bill Sabey director of customer service with Edmonton Transit.

"The idea is with all this construction going on, we don't want to lose ridership when we're trying to build it in anticipation for the LRT. We're looking at making transit through the downtown as efficiently as possible," he said.

But getting extra buses and more routes for downtown — sooner rather than later — helps build those ridership numbers, argues Downtown Edmonton Community League president Chris Buyze.

"There does need to be some planning done, even on conservative projection numbers," he said.



You can actually induce demand by providing a good service.

Chris Buyze



By the end of June, there will be no buses on 102 Avenue with recent route changes. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

IN BRIEF

Oilers name new CEO

Bob Nicholson is getting an expanded role with the Edmonton Oilers.

The team announced Monday that Nicholson has been appointed as chief executive officer of Oilers Entertainment Group. In a release, the Oilers said Nicholson will take over an expanded set of responsibilities, including authority over all aspects of business and hockey operations.

Nicholson joined the Oilers organization as vice-chair in June 2014 after a successful career with Hockey Canada, including 16 years as president and chief executive officer.

"(OEG chairman Daryl Katz) hired me to build a winning organization. We have a lot of work to do, but we know what we need to do to get there," Nicholson said.

"We have great people in this organization and we are firmly committed to rewarding our fans for their extraordinary patience and support. It is going to be an exciting year for our organization and the city in the lead up to the opening of Rogers Place."

Oilers Entertainment Group also owns the Edmonton Oil Kings (WHL), Oklahoma City Barons (AHL) and Bakersfield Condors (ECHL), as well as production company Aquila Productions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Judge orders teen to undergo psych testing

A judge has ordered a psychiatric assessment for an Alberta teen charged with terror-related offences.

The 17-year-old boy, who cannot be identified, was arrested last month on allegations he was planning to leave Canada to fight with Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant militants. Provincial court Judge Steven Andrew granted the 30-day assessment, but details of the application hearing are subject to a publication ban.

RCMP arrested the boy in Beaumont, a bedroom community south of Edmonton. The youth is charged with attempting to leave the country to participate in a terrorist group and attempting to leave the country to commit a terrorist activity.

He is to appear in court again May 7. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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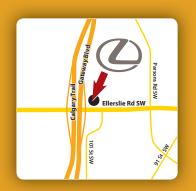
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Catholic school board trustee Marilyn Bergstra will be looking for support when she pitches a new way to teach children about sexual assault. KEVIN TUONG/METRO

Trustee calls for strateg

Bergstra hopes to empower kids to speak about assault



When it comes to children and secrets, Marilyn Bergstra knows some should not be kept silent.

Bergstra is inspired by Erin's Law in the United States, legislation based off of the experiences of Erin Merryn, a victim of rape, and is now looking for support from her board to give students age-appropriate tools to report sexual assault or abuse.

The Edmonton Catholic Schools trustee is also looking to petition the province for a sexual-abuse prevention strategy and also curriculum that can be taught in classrooms from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

"If you don't empower chil-

To think the number reported is over 1,000 children that have experienced sexual assault, what is the true (unreported) number?

Marilyn Bergstra

dren, you empower the perpetrator," Bergstra said.

"There are so many things that affect a child - there's nutrition, there's activity and then there's emotional health,"

"When children are victimized, it substantially compromises their emotional help."

According to Zebra Child Protection Centre, one in three girls and one in six boys will experience unwanted sexual acts in Edmonton.

The group also reported that in 2010, they supported 554 children who had been victims of assault. That number has jumped to more than 1,300 in 2013.

'This is a huge problem,' said Bergstra.

'To think the number reported is over 1,000 children that have experienced sexual assault, what is the true (unreported) number?

Bergstra's motion will be presented at an ECS board meeting Tuesday and includes an emphasis on training teachers on how to teach students the sensitive curriculum, along with educating children.



IN BRIEF

Woman critically hurt in hit-and-run collision

An Edmonton man is in custody after an alleged hit and run involving his partner on the northside of the city on Monday morning.

Police were called at about 12:35 a.m. to a parking lot at 131 Avenue and Fort Road on reports of a woman having been hit

Witnesses reported that the man and woman were in a dispute when they left a business at the site. The man is alleged to have struck the woman with a vehicle, before fleeing the scene. The woman was rushed to hospital by EMS paramedics, where she remains in critical condition, after suffering life-threatenina iniuries.

Charges are pending against an Edmonton man, whose identity is not being released at this time. The EPS Domestic Offender Crime Section and Major Collision Investigation Unit continue to investigate the incident.

Police investigating west-end shooting

City police are investigating after a man was shot in a west Edmonton park Monday morning.

At approximately 12:40 a.m., police were called to a weapon's complaint near 184 Street and 93 Avenue.

A 25-year-old man was found with multiple bullet wounds and rushed to hospital. The victim currently remains in critical condition. Police are asking anyone with information about the shooting to call Edmonton police at 780-423-4567 or #377 from a mobile phone.



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Blue shoes mark federal budget

Blueprint to be augmented with host of measures

The symbolism of Finance Minister Joe Oliver donning a pair of Tory-blue sneakers on Monday for the traditional new-budgetshoes photo op shouldn't be lost on anyone.

A federal election may be six months away, but Tuesday's promised delivery of the Harper government's first balanced spending blueprint in eight years means the Conservatives are already off and running.

The well-orchestrated march to the 2015 general election began more than a year ago, when the government presented a 2014 budget that, it turns out, could have reasonably showed a surplus — but held off the big reveal until Canadians were closer to the ballot box.

The parliamentary budget office last week predicted 2014-15 will come in \$3.4 billion in the black — a possible jump start on those "New Balance" runners Oliver slipped on at a Toronto shoe store.

The long march continued last Halloween at a campaign-style event in Vaughan, Ont., where Prime Minister Stephen Harper rolled out a five-year, \$27-billion package of improvements to family benefits and targeted tax cuts — a sort of rolling cam-



It is a Canadian custom for finance ministers to purchase or wear new shoes



Finance Minister Joe Oliver shows off his new budget shoes in Toronto on Monday. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

paign barrage timed to light up the fireworks in July when families receive their first retroactive benefit cheques.

Between Tuesday's budget launch and those mid-summer family cheques, there will be an orgy of government self-promotion, with \$7.5 million already earmarked for "economic action plan" advertising. These large set pieces of the Conservative re-election campaign will be augmented Tuesday with a host of smaller measures aimed up shoring up perceived weaknesses and bolstering perceived strengths.

Help for seniors is also expected through changes to registered retirement income fund rules and a long-promised doubling of the \$5,500 annual limit on tax-free savings accounts.

There will be cash for the national-security apparatus, a big government selling point in this season of domestic terror attacks and overseas military missions.

Announcements linked to the upcoming countrywide celebrations for Canada's 150th birthday in 2017 are also expected.

There will likely be targeted infrastructure funding for major public-transit projects, spending the government will promote as "green" to help cover a weak environmental policy flank while wooing those suburban commuters Calandra referenced.

Headlining it will be the return to surplus, backstopped by proposed balanced-budget legislation.

While the dramatic plunge in global oil prices is viewed by some to have tripped up Conservative budget plans, it had one welcome side effect for a government heading to the electorate.

Elly Alboim, a principal at Earnscliffe Strategy Group and former adviser to former Liberal finance minister Paul Martin, said that the Conservative fiscal framework laid out in the federal budget will fetter the opposition parties.

"By eliminating two (percentage) points off the GST and then giving away other tax room, they have made the framework impervious to policy," said Alboim. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Fahmy to get new passport

In an abrupt reversal of its position, the federal government announced Monday that it was prepared to issue a passport to a Canadian journalist on trial in Egypt on widely denounced terror charges. Mohamed Fahmy spent more than a year in a Cairo prison and has been working to get a passport. His original passport was seized. The Canadian government had been refusing to give him a new one, citing his bail conditions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Is it Q or q? CBC clarifies position

Last week, CBC announced the new Shad-hosted version of its arts-and-culture radio program, titled Q, was getting a little makeover.

Before Shad's first show aired Monday, the public broadcaster clarified its position.

The CBC said in a tweet that the show's logo would use a small q, but for "clarity and readability," the program would otherwise be referred to with an uppercase Q in written communication. But late Monday, the CBC scrapped that plan and said it would be sticking with q

The rebrand was viewed as another step by the CBC to distance itself from former host Jian Ghomeshi, who was fired in October amid sexual-assault charges. Ghomeshi faces seven counts of sexual assault and one of overcoming resistance by choking, but his lawyer has said he will plead not guilty to all charges. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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It's all or nothing for egg shoppers on a budget

CHALLENGE DAY 1

Reporter tries, fails to buy two eggs instead of whole carton



Gilbert Ngabo Metro | Toronto

I couldn't buy a couple of eggs. I grew up in Rwanda, and I still remember young men and women walking through downtown streets — and other parts of the country — with baskets, selling all sorts of food items. An egg would go for less than 20 cents. It would be about the seme price as buying the egg in a restaurant or at a food store. Whether your budget allowed

pack, you'd have a choice.

After embracing the challenge to live on \$1.75 a day, I realized that in downtown Toronto, things were different. I'd set out on a shopping spree with my tiny budget and had hoped to get at least two eggs for less than a dollar, something I thought should be easy enough.

for one, two, three or the entire

But no store would allow me to buy just two eggs — not a single store among a handful that I visited. A couple of stores had two or three boiled eggs already packaged, but the price was way outside what I could afford on my budget.

As I was pounding the streets looking for eggs, I kept thinking about the poor person, with just a few spare cents, looking for an egg or two but constantly being

LIVING BELOW THE LINE

The reporter: Gilbert Ngabo works for Metro in Toronto. He moved to Canada from Rwanda five years ago.

The mission: To live on just \$1.75 a day for five days — a challenge made to all Canadians by the Global Poverty Project, which says that's the daily budget of those who live below the poverty line.

The series: Day 1 of 5, Gilbert tries and fails to buy a couple of eggs. Not six. not a dozen. Two.

told to buy the whole carton.

Yes, a dozen eggs sell for about \$4, and that's about 33 cents for each. But if you're among Toronto's poor, unless you have access to a farmers' market, your choices on a tight budget are limited

It may not be surprising to see someone buying just a bottle of cooking oil, one jar of juice or a single bun from the bakery section. I've never really thought that it might be all they can afford. I'm more likely to assume they're just picking up one single

item missing from the fridge.
Now that I've been that person buying three tomatoes, a handful of mushrooms, a can of beans and asking for only two eggs, I have a different perspective.



Gilbert Ngabo tries his luck at finding two eggs at a Loblaws in Toronto on Monday. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO



No store would sell two eggs to Gilbert Ngabo. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO



A couple of stores had two or three boiled eggs already packaged, but the price was way outside what I could afford on my budget.



Struck out again at a Shoppers Drug Mart. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

GROCERIES

Egg search, store by store

I set off Monday to try to find two eggs. The results were as follows:

- An employee at a Shoppers Drug Mart looked at me incredulously before saying there was no way I could be given two separate eggs.
- A Metro store had a sixpack of eggs for \$2.99, but my budget would only allow for two eggs under a loonie, combined. A staff member told me she had never seen anyone trying to buy just a few eggs. They did have a packet with two boiled eggs, but it would have cost \$1.12.
- It was the same story at Loblaws, where a pair of boiled eggs goes for a little less than a toonie.







Brian Mulroney is the first Canadian to receive the Order of the Companions of O.R. Tambo. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mulroney honoured

SOUTH AFRICA

Former PM recognized for anti-apartheid efforts

Former prime minister Brian Mulroney is being recognized for his contributions to the South African liberation movement with a national order, the country's highest honour.

Mulroney is the first Canadian to receive the Order of the Companions of O.R. Tambo, an award that acknowledges foreign leaders and citizens for "friendship shown to South Africa."

Mulroney is being given the award for what the South African government calls an exceptional contribution to the liberation movement of South Africa.

Mulroney's work in opposing apartheid and in helping to secure the release of activist and eventual South African president Nelson Mandela earned him the Companion of the Order of Canada in 1998.

Cassius Lubisi, South Africa's

chancellor of national orders, announced the recipients on the weekend.

"His steadfast support for the release of Nelson Mandela and for imposing sanctions on South Africa's apartheid regime led to a free, democratic, non-sexist and nonracial South Africa," Lubisi said in a statement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PUBLIC OPINION

Environment poll puts Canadians in middle

A new global poll of consumers in 23 countries suggests Canadians are middle of the pack when it comes to concern over the environment and how their shopping choices affect it.

But the poll of 28,000 people by the international survey firm GfK still found that most Canadians believe companies need to be environmentally responsible and try to reflect those values when they spend their money.

"We have a sizable number of Canadians that really put issues around environmentalism and corporate responsibility front and centre," said Angelo Pierro of GfK Canada.

The poll, conducted online and face-to-face last summer, asked respondents a series of questions about how they reconcile their environmental beliefs and their consumer habits

Around the world, 76 per cent of respondents agreed that companies and brands should be environmentally responsible.

But the poll suggests a wide divergence between different countries, ranging from 93 per cent agreement in India and only 58 per cent in Japan.

Canada came in just below average at 73 per cent, higher than the United States at 66 per cent, but well behind countries such as France, Brazil, Russia and China.

The story was similar when respondents were asked if they feel guilty when they do something that harms the environment. The global average was 63 per cent, 10 points higher than the Canadian average.

Asking respondents if they only bought products and services that corresponded to their beliefs repeated the pattern. A 63 per cent global average fell to 55 per cent in Canada.

Pierro said a distinct pattern began to emerge. Rapidly developing countries with large, urbanizing populations such as Indonesia consistently scored higher on the questions than settled, industrialized nations.

"It's interesting countries on the developing side are demonstrating a lot higher sensitivity to topics around environmental responsibility compared to some of the western democracies," he said.

"It seems like some of these developing countries are very concerned about this."

Still, Pierro points out the poll suggests environmental concern is important to consumers in almost every country it examined.

"More than half of our population shows strong agreement around things like environmentalism and social responsibility. Half of our population wants decisions that respect the environment.

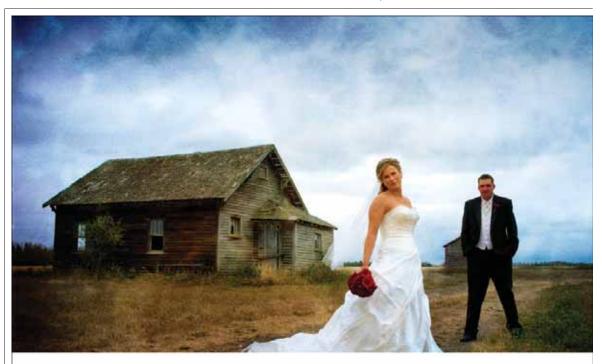
"I think that's something policy-makers have to take into account."

Based on its methodology, GfK says it has a 95 per cent confidence level in its results.

The poll was released in advance of Earth Day, held on Wednesday.

Pierro said its results should interest both political policy-makers and businesses looking to harmonize its marketing strategies with the beliefs of its customers.

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NEWS

Migrant crisis perplexes EU

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Leaders to meet Thursday in Brussels

Shaken by the feared drowning of hundreds of people in the latest Mediterranean tragedy, European leaders struggled Monday for an adequate response in the face of unremitting migrant flows and continued instability in Libya that has given free rein to human traffickers.

Even as the search continued for victims of the weekend disaster that left as many as 950 people feared dead, coast guard ships rushed to respond to new distress calls on the high seas — two off Libya and a third boat that ran aground near Greece.

Decrying what he called an "escalation in these death voyages," Italian Premier Matteo Renzi urged Europe to put the focus on preventing more boats from leaving Libya, the source of 90 per cent of migrant traffic to Italy.

"We are facing an organized criminal activity that is making lots of money, but above all ruining many lives," Renzi said at a joint news conference with Malta's prime minister, Joseph Muscat.

1,300

The EU has been under increasing criticism for lagging in its response to the crisis, with two shipwrecks believed to have taken the lives of as many as 1,300 migrants in the past week.

He compared their activity to that of slave traders of centuries past, "unscrupulous men who traded human lives."

The European Union foreign

affairs chief, Federica Mogherini, said this weekend's appalling human toll — which, if verified, would be the deadliest migrant tragedy ever — had "finally" fully awakened the European Union to the evils of human trafficking.

The EU has been under increasing criticism for lagging in its response to the crisis, with two shipwrecks believed to have taken the lives of as many as 1,300 migrants in the past week. Some 400 people are believed to have drowned in another capsizing on April 13.

Stopping the traffickers will be a key item on the agenda when EU leaders meet in an emergency summit Thursday in Brussels, along with a proposal to double spending on sea patrols off Europe's southern border. The 10-point plan includes a proposal to take "civil-military" action modeled on previous operations in the Horn of Africa to combat Somali piracy. The ASSOCIATED PRESS



A man rescues a migrant from the Aegean Sea Monday, in the eastern island of Rhodes. Greek authorities said that at least three people have died, including a child, after a wooden boat carrying migrants ran aground off the island.

ARGIRIS MANTIKOS/EUROKINISSI VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



IN BRIEF

Immigrants flee South Africa after deadly attacks

Worried about their safety, hundreds of African immigrants headed out of South Africa on Monday following deadly attacks on foreignowned shops. The attacks, in which seven people have been killed this month, have angered many across the continent. South African diplomats in two other African countries reported threats of reprisal attacks because of the violence at home. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Saudi-led airstrikes in Yemen flatten houses

Saudi-led airstrikes hit weapons caches held by Iran-backed Shiite rebels, touching off massive explosions Monday in Yemen's capital that killed at least 19 people and buried scores of others under the rubble. The U.S. Navy, meanwhile, has dispatched the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt toward the waters off Yemen to join other American ships prepared to intercept any Iranian vessels carrying weapons to the rebels, U.S. officials said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Canadian pianist inspires Apple staff

When it comes to obsessively meticulous attention to detail, it seems Apple employees could learn something from Glenn Gould.

At the company's internal Apple University, professor Joshua Cohen delivers threehour seminars on the late, great Canadian pianist to class-

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Kraft is pledging to remove synthetic colouring from its Čanadian Kraft Dinner Original product by the end of 2016. This year will mark the last that the original version of

Kraft Mac & Cheese, as it is sold

in the U.S., will contain artifi-

cial preservatives or synthetic

colours. In January, Kraft said

its macaroni and cheese would

be coloured using paprika, an-

away from processed foods in

the U.S. and larger food produ-

cers are trying to follow their

The company said that it has

worked for some time to make

the changes to the product, but

had to ensure that customers

would not notice a change in

taste. "We weren't ready to

change the product until we

were confident that Kraft Maca-

roni & Cheese tastes like Kraft

Macaroni & Cheese," the com-

customers in that direction.

There has been a huge shift

natto and turmeric.

FOOD

es of 15 students who typically occupy "senior leadership positions" at the tech giant.

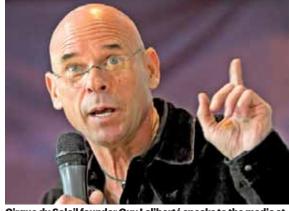
"(Gould's) attention to detail is an important focus of the conversation about him. And it strongly resonates with people Cohen says.

Cohen focuses much of his attention on Gould's 1955 debut recording Bach: The Goldberg Variations, considered to be a preposterously demanding piece of music. But the then-22-year-old Gould attacked it with doggedness and brazen self-assurance.

The infamously eccentric Gould could be stubborn, a personality trait that seems

to strike a chord with Apple decision-makers. "It's his willingness to be unreasonable - meaning, not to worry about the conventional ways of playing things, and to have a strength of conviction about there being a right way to do them," Cohen says.

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Cirque du Soleil founder Guy Laliberté speaks to the media at a news conference Monday in Montreal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cirque du **Soleilsold**

Founder Guy Laliberté keeps his children out of Big Top

The force behind Cirque du Soleil's nearly 31-year run as a world-renowned Canadian success story is selling the famed circus even though his sevenyear-old daughter has dreams of one day becoming a clown.

"I truly don't believe in

PARTNERS

Long hunt for right match

Guy Laliberté said he was

surprised to have lasted

so long, having originally

foreseen a 10-year run.

He began to think about

finding a strategic part-

ner in 2006, and thought

he found the right match

two years later in Dubai

World, a large real estate

into financial difficulties.

The latest sale process

originally identified 94

offers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

potential partners. Eight

finalists were chosen from

those that responded with

developer that quickly ran

neurship," Guy Laliberté told a news conference on Monday after announcing the sale to a U.S. private equity firm. Laliberté, 55, has five chil-

second-generation entrepre-

dren between the ages of seven and 18, but said that having them take over the Cirque was never really an option. "From the outset, I didn't want to put the pressure of running the circus on their shoulders."

The creator of the Cirque, which wowed the world with breathtaking and cutting-edge shows, will maintain a 10 per cent stake in the Montrealbased company through his family trust and will provide strategic and creative input.

Equity firm TPG is acquiring a 60 per cent stake for an undisclosed price. Chinese investment firm Fosun will have a 20 per cent stake and Quebec pension fund manager the Caisse de dépôt another 10 per cent.

The transaction — which Laliberté said wasn't a "fire sale" at a reported value of around \$1.5 billion — will also see partner Dubai World sell

its 10 per cent stake. Laliberté dismissed any suggestions the Cirque is in financial difficulty, saying it is a profitable venture that sells 11 million tickets a year.

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Union fights Walmart store closings

A union is asking labour regulators in the U.S. to go to court to force Walmart to rehire all 2,200 employees affected by the abrupt temporary closing of five stores a week ago, arguing the closings were retaliation for labour activism. Walmart says it closed the stores to fix plumbing issues.

One affected store, in Pico

Rivera, Calif., has been a hotbed for worker protests against Walmart. It was the first store to wage such protests, in October 2012. The other stores are in Midland and Livingston, Texas; Tulsa, Okla.; and Brandon, Fla.

The United Food and Commercial Workers International Union made its filing on behalf of OUR Wal-Mart, a group of Walmart employees that it backs that has pushed for better pay and working conditions.

The stores will remain shuttered for up to six months, a Walmart spokesman said. The company has said that the workers would be put on paid leave for two months and it would look to transfer some to nearby stores. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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That's how many Canadians are urbanites as of 2011 — a near-complete reversal of the ratio 150 years earlier, in 1861, when city dwellers comprised less than 16 per cent of pre-Confederation Canada. Among G8 countries, we're the third most urbanized, behind the U.K. and U.S. Among 15- to 29-year-olds, the current divide is even more pronounced: Only 17 per cent live in rural areas. Statistics Canada

As we walk the streets, how do we stay safe?

YOUR RIDE



When the Alberta Avenue jogger was raped this month, I wondered: How should a woman who likes to run through her neighbourhood react? Should she stop running alone? Should she take self-defence courses?

The questions became more pressing when I found I was one degree removed from Paula Stiles, the Sherwood Park mother of three who was murdered last week. She turned out to be the friend of a friend.

Statistics Canada says men are responsible for 83 per cent of police-reported violence committed against women. In nearly half of these incidents, the perpetrator is the woman's spouse or boyfriend. Second-most

common are attacks from acquaintances, friends or other family. But a full 16 per cent of assailants are strangers.

Searching for answers, I found the page for a local self-empowerment workshop, run by a woman who had served in the Israeli Defense Forces. Feeling that approach might be too extreme for me, I turned to my friends instead.

Carissa Halton is a longtime resident of Alberta Avenue, near where the jogger was attacked. She walks a lot in her neighbourhood. I asked how she was responding to such a brazen attack so close to home.

"We did a lot of hikes into the backcountry," said Halton, who grew up in Crowsnest Pass. "There were always grizzly bears and bear warnings. When I heard about (the attack), I likened it to how I'd feel about a bear warning - a heightened sense of awareness."

At one point, when she had to walk home from work in Oliver Square, Halton took self-defence courses, and carried bear spray in her purse. "I always look people in the eye. I'm much more confident in that way.'

I tried to contact Edmonton Police Service for advice for women. No response. But I did view their "neighbourhood crime map" online. It's a deceptive tool: The map allows a search for crimes only in particular neighbourhoods, and only for the past 60 days. Divided up by area, the map implicitly invites social judgment.

I felt little relief to find no one was sexually assaulted in my neighbourhood in the past two months. I checked out Alberta Avenue's stats with an element of scorn. Good thing I don't live on the north side, right?

I consulted another friend,

whose husband is six-footsomething and looks like a bear, with dark hair and a giant torso. He doesn't like crowds because guys try to pick fights with him. He took courses on how to avoid conflict: Try to look busy; never make eye contact.

It's the opposite of what women are taught.

Bears are the wrong beasts to be talking about, I realize. We're primates, jockeying for social position with our gaze — trying to look bigger or smaller, more threatening or less depending on our

It all goes back to the streets, the dangerous streets - trying to disguise the feeling of powerlessness that follows us around out there.

Jay Smith is a writer who has cycled, walked and run on Edmonton's streets and pathways her entire life.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

Fake guide dogs, and their lying, entitled, arrogant owners

Dear guide dog fraudsters. I know you think you've been getting away with buying a fake guide-dog coat and parading into cafés and hotels, even onto planes, with your pet pooch Princess. I know, those jackets are as cheap and easy to buy online as, well, anything else.

Disability advocates like Bill Thornton, CEO of BC & Alberta Guide Dogs, has had his phone ringing off the hook with complaints about fake guide dogs, he told me, like the restaurateur who wanted to know if it was normal for a guide dog to come into a restaurant, take a seat at a table, and eat a meal.

This actually occurred," he told me, the disbelief still in his voice.

I know you think you've been getting away with it. But the guide-dog agencies are on to you. You're part of a rising problem of fake service dogs, they say, and now the B.C. government is doing something about it. A new law will soon require all guide-dog owners to carry a government-issued ID so that business owners can know for sure whether Princess is the real deal (something that already exists in Alberta).

But Thornton is most concerned about a potential backlash toward guide dogs and their owners, thanks to the likes of you and Princess.

trained and well-behaved. Did you know that only about 50 per cent of the dogs Thornton's group trains actually get certified? The rules are tight to maintain public trust in service animals.

But Princess, as you know, has terrible manners. She barks, and she bites. And you're not much better.

Anytime someone calls you out for being a disability fraud, you become irate. Thornton hears about fraudster outbursts like yours all the time, he said.

It's unseemly, you know, on so many levels.

First, you are lying. Second, you are playing on the sympathy of those too uncomfortable to question you about yappy, snappy

But third and worst of all, you are giving service dogs a bad name. If the public trust is broken, do you know who that hurts most? People who need dogs to see, hear, or detect an oncoming seizure.

B.C.'s Guide Dog and Service Dog act will make faking a guide dog an offence, with a fine up to \$3,000 if you're caught. And I hope you are.

This isn't about Princess. This is all about you: Entitled, arrogant, narcissistic you.

Impersonating someone with a disability for your own petty gains? You can't get much lower than that, guide-



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FILM FESTIVAL

Canadian director's first film to screen at French fest



Jessica Smith Cross Metro | Toronto

Andrew Cividino was eating alone at a restaurant when he looked at his phone and screamed "Oh my God!"

He looked a little crazy at that moment, but he hadn't actually lost his mind. He's a Canadian director who'd just learned his first feature film was selected to screen at the Cannes Film Festival.

"I was actually at a McDonald's, which is a confession, and I was eating a hamburger surrounded by all of these other people," he said. "I think if you scream, 'Oh my God!' on a phone call, people know that you're talking to another human being. But if you're just looking at your screen, it's really hard for people to understand that."

He was elated to learn his film Sleeping Giant is one of seven feature films in competition at the International Critics' Week at Cannes, which is devoted to honouring new directors' first or second feature-length films.

That week has launched the careers of many famous directors, including some of Cividino's favourites: Kevin Smith, Guillermo del Toro and Alejandro González Iñárritu.

Sleeping Giant is named for the Sibley Peninsula on Thunder Bay, where Cividino spent his summers growing up. His film is the story of a boy named Adam and his friends, pushing the boundaries of safety and their youthful authority over a



Nate (Nick Serino) at the wheel, Riley (Reece Moffett) in the passenger seat, and Adam (Jackson Martin) in the backseat, in a scene from Sleeping Giant. The Canadian film directed by Andrew Cividino has been selected to compete at Cannes. AARON YEGER

summer there.

It's partly inspired by Cividino's own experiences jumping off the cliffs of the Sleeping Giant into Lake Superior.

"It was really insane, we would really push our boundaries to levels I would now consider to be quite unsafe, but at the time, it just seemed like the obvious, the only thing to be doing," he said.

"There's this Lord of the Flies stage of male adolescence that comes along with these destructive impulses and one way of testing your boundaries in the world is to destroy the world around you," he said. "That's where we follow the boys."

FINDING THE CAST

Film's lead a walk-in

Cividino found the actors in Thunder Bay by putting flyers up around town. Nick Serino, who plays Adam, walked into an audition without a script, appointment or acting credits.

"He just said, 'I saw on Kijiji you guys had posted something. I'm here for the movie," Cividino said. "Within 30 seconds we knew this kid is so special."

Serino's cousin in real life, Reece Moffett, is one

of the co-stars.

Cividino wanted the boys to use their own voices in the film, so he'd "workshop" the scenes with them rather than strictly sticking to the script.

"Some scenes are a lot more challenging because of that, but you end up with moments that you couldn't possibly have considered writing yourself, which just ring true and are hilarious."



Director Andrew Cividino. JESSICA SMITH CROSS/METRO



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🛑 MUSICIAN'S SIDELINE

Willie Nelson to roll out own brand of marijuana

Music legend Willie Nelson is jumping into the movement to commercialize marijuana and plans to roll out his own brand of cannabis that he intends to make "the best on the market."

The singer-songwriter announced in a statement Monday that Willie's Reserve will be grown and sold in Colorado and Washington, two states where recreational use of the drug is legal.

Nelson is a longtime supporter of marijuana for personal use and has spoken of its benefits for hemp production. He's also pushed for the end of laws criminalizing use of the drug. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Imbruglia single is her first in years

The Australian singer-songwriter Natalie Imbruglia, who made it big in the late 1990s, is releasing her first single in six years on Monday.

The new single Instant Crush is from her upcoming cover album entitled Male, scheduled for release in July 2015.

Why has the female songstress opted for such a name? Like Instant Crush, which was first sung by Daft Punk and Julian Casablancas, all of the titles were first recorded by male artists.

Imbruglia told Mashable that she didn't want to touch songs previously sung by other

"I found it was more interesting to hear my vocals on songs done by men because it's different right away," she said.

This is not the first time Imbruglia has pursued cover music. Her first international hit single, Torn was a cover of the '90s rock band Ednaswap. AFP



Natalie Imbruglia's cover album Male is coming in July. AFP



Alabama Shakes' new album 'pretty eclectic'

SOPHOMORE RELEASE

Sound & Color reflects growth of the band

So many promising music careers are tripped up by the challenge of following a successful debut that its perils are an industry cliché.

Now the Alabama Shakes face this unavoidable rite of passage. The bar band from Athens, Ala., with electrifying frontwoman Brittany Howard sold 737,000 copies of its first disc, earned three Grammy nominations, performed twice on Saturday Night Live, played for President Obama and earned enough critical hurrahs to fill a trunk.

Faced with the choice of fulfilling or confounding expectations with its new Sound & Color (out Tuesday), the Shakes chose the latter. The band is challenging its audience to move forward, almost defiantly so. During its first Coachella performance earlier this month, the set list notably did not include Hold On, Hang Loose or Always Alright, three of the young act's bestknown songs.

"We knew some people would probably want a similar record and there were some people who would probably be frustrated if we did something similar," said guitarist Heath Fogg, neatly summarizing the classic second album dilemma. "There's no point in trying to please anybody other than ourselves."

The band describes the adventurousness of Sound & Color as less a strategy than a reflection of the creative process.

Howard said that when she began writing songs, she quickly got bored because it seemed she was trying to write songs

that were familiar, that sounded like things she had already written. That self-awareness freed her to experiment more.

"It's a pretty eclectic mixed bag of things that we like,' Howard said.

"It wasn't intentional. I think we just had grown up as artists and players. There's so much that we are into and so much that we like. The roots of our music will always be there, because that's how we get along with each other. But there are so many languages, as far as music goes, that we can speak with to one another.' THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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How Sweden became a musical powerhouse

Moral panic of 1940s paved way for talent

SOUND CHECK Alan Cross

For a country of 35 million, Canada punches far above its weight when it comes to exporting its music to the rest of the world. But then there's Sweden. With fewer than 10 million people, the country is a musical monster.

There's the unending parade of cool indie artists: Lykke Li, Tove Lo, Peter, Bjorn & John, The Sounds, The Radio Dept., The Shout Out Louds, The Hives. And let's not even start on Sweden's role in metal. Or that Sweden is the birthplace of Spotify.

Sweden gave birth to ABBA, a group that has sold nearly 400 million albums, second only to

the Beatles. It's also the home of Max Martin, the producer/ songwriter who crafted megahits for the Backstreet Boys, 'N Sync, Britney Spears, Katy Perry, Plnk and Taylor Swift. He's produced more No. 1 hits than anyone ex-

cept George Martin - and he had the Beatles. So how did this sparsely populated northern Euro-

such a global power-

house? The answer starts with the 1940s, when cultural conservatives and church leaders banded together to protect the country's youth from the "dance-floor misery" of degenerate music coming from America. They set up a system of music schools - no tuition, free use of instruments — to show the young how morally uplifting

classical music could be.

By the 1960s, the system diversified into other genres of music. While this diluted the original intent of streaming the young into the classical realm, it offered kids more and more opportunity to discover what

musical talents they had. Coupled with government pean country become subsidies for rehearsal space (and sometime for just retry exports more than \$150 million US in music sales

hearsing), a network of musically inclined people took root across the country. Ideas were exchanged quickly and efficiently. Tightly knit musical communities were created. This sort of support and social

networking brought the people in ABBA together. And when they hit it big, there was a sense across the country that if they could do it, anyone could. Since then, there's been a real can-do spirit amongst the musically inclined in Sweden. Now the coun-

> planet, the largest per-capita in the world. It was a social engineering experiment gone wrong, but things have worked out just fine.

to the rest of the

Lykke Li, left, and Tove Lo GETTY IMAGES



John Moose hails from Karlstad, Sweden, CONTRIBUTED

Band's new album free to listen to — in nature

John Moose, a Swedish five-piece band, has released a mobile app that allows listeners to enjoy their debut album for free. The catch: The app knows where you are, and it'll let you listen only when you get yourself to a woodland setting.

Hailing from Karlstad, the band says its roots are "in the deep wild woods of Värmland," a province in which Karlstad is the largest city. John Moose is also the name of a character whose stories they tell through their songs, which "tell a tale of escapism, where he finds himself stuck in the ambivalence between the civilization and its counterpart.'

With that in mind, the musicians want those who experience their album to find themselves in a similar space.

The album — which can also be pre-ordered now, with shipping to next week — is available in its entirety via the app, which can be downloaded for iOS or Android via johnmoosemusic.com/ prerelease. Download it where you like, but to begin listening to the music, you'll need to be in a spot your phone recognizes as woods.

"Walk to the woods ..." the app instructs, followed by the message, "You are there. Now listen."

Tobias Norén, the band's drummer and digital director of Bacill production agency, says the wooded areas are detected through Google Static Maps API. AFP





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Lighten up on the locker-room louts

GYM MANNERS

Sloths who strew sweaty clothes aren't your problem

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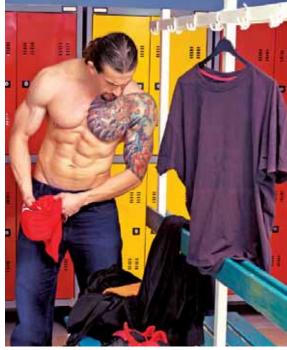
Dear Ellen,

One of my biggest pet peeves is walking into my gym's change room to find a pile of sweaty gym clothes left on the bench or on the ground. The gym has plenty of lockers, so I really don't understand why people would strip off to go shower and just leave their clothes don't even get my started on the underwear — out for the world to see, and smell. Mike in Halifax

Dear Mike,

The men you are dealing with are likely from the wellknown subspecies Men Who Have Always Been Picked Up After (MWHABPUA). These are the lazy, overly entitled brats whose moms, caretakers, life- or roommates are happy to follow around, picking up soggy towels, wiping sprayed toothpaste spittle off mirrors, rinsing shaved-off stubble down the drain, and applying Polysporin to cuts on their own run-off feet after stepping on razor-sharp shards of the MWHABPUA's clipped toenails.

At least, I hope you are dealing with a MWHABPŬA, because the alternative is even more disgusting — Men So In Love With Their Own Filth They Think Everyone



Slobs tend to be immune to threats, sighs, passive-aggressive remarks or outright begging for humane treatment of their locker-room neighbours. ISTOCK

TEELIT). These men may also have been raised by people who picked up after them. Or maybe they were raised in a barn, by wolves. Either way, there's clearly no one picking up after them now, and believe me, they don't notice, much less care. These are the type of derelict jocks who leave their reeking gym duds all over the place while they shower, and then stuff everything into their lockers still damp and warm so it can breed more tiny bacterial monsters that will reek extra hard the next time they

Do they think doing laundry

is how real men are supposed to smell? (It's not.) Did they get punched out one too many times and their deviated septums have killed all sense of smell?

Who knows? The important thing to realize with both MWHABPUA and MSILWTOFT-TEELIT is that it's your problem, not theirs. Slobs of this calibre are immune to threats, sighs, passive-aggressive remarks or outright begging for humane treatment of their locker-room neighbours.

My advice is: Learn to love the louts. Now that mom's not around, you may be the only one

Twitter helps predict ER visits for asthma

Researchers are leveraging the microblogging platform to predict the volume of asthma-related emergency room visits one Dallas hospital can expect on a given day.

Researchers at the University of Arizona (UA) and the Parkland Center for Clinical Innovation in Dallas, Texas mined Twitter for information

Their method involves monitoring air quality data using environmental sensors and scanning Twitter for posts with relevant key words such as "asthma," "inhaler" and "wheezing." Text-mining techniques are then used to hone in on the tweets from the zip codes where most of the hospital's patients live, according to electronic medical records. By analyzing the data, the researchers developed an al-



By scanning Twitter for words like 'wheezing' researchers can predict asthma-related

gorithm that predicted with 75 per cent accuracy whether the emergency room could expect a low, medium or high number of asthma-related visits on a given day. These predictions allowed the hospital to be better prepared. AFF

Tango steps help Parkinson's patients

The tango, that famous Argentine dance, could improve balance and functional mobility in those diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, according to a recent Canadian study.

Researchers at the Montreal Neurological Institute of McGill University and the Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre found that tango lessons were linked with improved balance and functional mobility in Parkinson's patients, as well as modest benefits in terms of decreasing fatigue and boosting cognitive function. Moreover, the tango participants in the study found the activity more enjoyable, and many of them saw improvements in their mood and social life. However, no difference was observed between the group that did tango and the group that didn't in terms of

overall motor function.

Typically danced at a fairly slow pace, the sensual Argentine social dance could help to improve balance thanks to its specific combination of rhythmic backward and forward steps. Dancing lessons are also thought to benefit cog-

nitive function by soliciting participants memory and concentration.

The results were published in the April 2015 issue of Complementary Therapies in Medicine.



Pets may pose illness threat to children

Pets are a wellspring of love and joy for their owners. But they can also be a source of disease and should be chosen with care if someone in a household has health problems.

In a review article published in this week's Canadian Medical Association Journal, two veterinarians and a physician from the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario discuss a variety of diseases people can get from pets. They make clear that in most cases, the risks to pet owners are low and the benefits of pet ownership are high. But there are some combinations of people and pets that don't make good sense.

In particular, young animals, like young children, are more likely to catch and spread germs. "It's like having that young

child in the household," lead

author Dr Jason Stull, a veterinarian at Ohio State University, said in an interview. "Young dogs and cats can be fantastic pets for the average person. But if there is an individual who is severely immunocompromised, that may not

be the best choice. Turtles, hedgehogs, baby chicks and frogs are known to have been the source of salmonella infections. Most people are unaware of the link between pets and hu-

man illness, Stull said. And that can be a problem when parents decide to get a pet for a child undergoing

> cancer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Rangers hold Pens in check

NHI PLAYOFES

New York racks up another win on road to 2-1 series lead

Henrik Lundqvist stopped 23 shots and the New York Rangers regained control of their first-round series against the Pittsburgh Penguins with a 2-1 win in Game 3 on Tuesday night.

Carl Hagelin and Chris Kreider scored for New York, which dominated for two periods then held on late to take a 2-1 series lead.

Game 4 is Wednesday in Pittsburgh.

Patric Hornqvist scored his third career playoff goal for the Penguins, but Pittsburgh couldn't overcome another slow start. Marc-Andre Fleury made 24 saves, but the Penguins couldn't back up their strong play in Game 2.

The Rangers led the NHL in



We found a way. We wanted to win this game, and we did.

Rangers winger Carl Hagelin

GAME3 In Pittsburgh



road wins during the regular season and shut down Pittsburgh stars Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin to reclaim

home-ice advantage.
Pittsburgh's performance on
Saturday night seemed like a
reminder of more promising
springs.

Crosby scored twice to end a lengthy drought. And the Penguins looked — for the better part of three periods anyway — more like the powerhouse that has dominated the regular season in recent years, not the erratic, injury-riddled enigma it has been for most of the past five months.

The Penguins believed it was a revival, not a last hurrah. It didn't look that way, however, as the Rangers spent 60 minutes showing why they were so effective away from Madison Square Garden this season.

New York choked off passing lanes, clamped down on Crosby and Malkin and never let Pittsburgh get anything resembling offensive flow.

The Rangers overwhelmed the Penguins in the opening



Rangers goaltender Henrik Lundqvist sprawls to make a save against the Penguins in Pittsburgh on Monday night. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

minutes and Hagelin gave New York a 1-0 lead at 8:43 following a sloppy line change by the Penguins and a brilliant lead pass from Keith Yandle that split the Pittsburgh defence and let Hagelin break in alone on Fleury.

The slap shot from between

the circles went between Fleury's legs as the Rangers did their best to silence a surprisingly raucous crowd at Consol Energy Center.

Not that the Penguins did much to generate any sort of enthusiasm.

Pittsburgh needed 15 min-

utes to record its first shot, a harmless flip from behind the blue-line by defenceman Ben Lovejoy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Go to metronews.ca for coverage of Game 3 between the Jets and

NHL PLAYOFFS

Dubnyk and Wild blank Blues

Devan Dubnyk made 17 saves and Jason Pominville and Zach Parise scored second-period goals and the Minnesota Wild earned a 3-0 victory over the St. Louis Blues in Game 3 of their Western Conference series on Monday.

Mikael Granlund had two assists, Nino Niederreiter added an empty-netter and the Wild had the edge in every way, without being drawn into a single trip to the penalty box.

St. Louis Jake Allen stopped 21 shots, with the over-capacity crowd taunting him with chants of his last name throughout the game, but the Blues lost on the road in the playoffs for the ninth straight time.

Game 4 is in Minnesota on Wednesday.

After that, the series shifts south to St. Louis on Friday for Game 5.

They've advanced past the first round only once since 2002, when they beat San Jose in 2012. That was the year of their most recent post-season victory away from St. Louis, a 3-1 decision on April 19.

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SPORTS

Lou can't keepa good man down

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Once written off, guard comes good winning 6th Man Award

They called him damaged goods. They said his best basketball was behind him. Lou Williams used it to drive him.

The Toronto Raptors sharpshooter — whose exploits inspired a Drake song — won the NBA's Sixth Man Award on Monday as the league's best reserve player. The honour comes less than two years after a torn anterior cruciate ligament left his career in doubt.

"It fuelled me just to work," Williams said. "When you experience a certain level of success and you know you can play at a high level, and then your legs get swiped from under you with an ACL tear, anything you can use as fuel to get back on the court, to get back to playing at a high level, we all use anything that we can.

"So I appreciate all the people that said I was damaged. But today is a special day to com-



Raptors guard Lou Williams poses with his daughter Jada at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto on Monday after winning the NBA Sixth Man of the Year award. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

memorate everything I've been through."

Williams averaged a careerhigh 15.5 points in his 10th NBA season, helping Toronto win a franchise-record 49 games. He's thrilled fans with his clutch three-point shooting, which prompted a team official to run the length of the court trailing a giant "Looouuuuu!" flag with each made basket.

Toronto rapper Drake, who's

also the Raptors' global ambassador referenced Williams in his song 6 Man, which goes: "Boomin' out in South Gwinnett like Lou Will, 6 man like Lou Will ..."

"The song is cool, I have a soundtrack to go with the award now, so it's pretty cool," Williams said. "Drake got it right," said Raptors reserve Patrick Patterson. "He made the song for a reason. He predicted the future.

It's a huge accomplishment for Lou. We're all extremely proud of him and we're happy for him."

Williams is the first player in Raptors history to win the award, after earning 78 first-place votes and 502 total points from a panel of 130 sportswriters and broadcasters throughout the United States and Canada. GM Masai Ujiri acquired Williams in a trade last summer with Atlanta. Williams was coming off one of

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Lou Williams

the worst seasons of his career as he adjusted to his new reality.

"(I was) scared. Once I tore my ACL, that was the closest I felt to retirement," Williams said. "Once I finally got back on the court, I realized I couldn't jump as high, I wasn't as fast, it takes me a little while to get my legs going. It's a frightening thing, but to be here today is very gratifying."

Ujiri summed up Williams' contribution, saying: "He's done far and beyond what we expected." Williams accepted the trophy at a posh downtown hotel with his mom, brother, two daughters and his South Gwinnett High School coach Roger Fleetwood, from Snellville, Ga., there to support him. Boston's Isaiah Thomas finished second in voting with 324 points. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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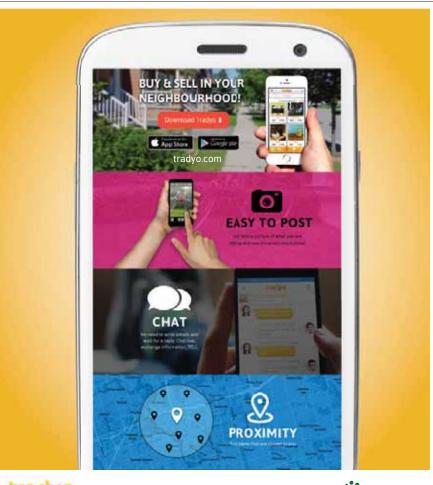
Butler serves Bulls well by crushing the Bucks

Jimmy Butler set a playoff career-high for the second straight game with 31 points, and the Chicago Bulls beat the Milwaukee Bucks 91-82 on Monday night to take a 2-0 lead in their first-round series.

After scoring 25 points in Game 1, Butler trumped that with another terrific performance. He was at his best down the stretch, scoring 14 points in the fourth quarter.

Chicago's Derrick Rose scored all of his 15 points in the second half after dominating in the series opener. Pau Gasol added 11 points and 16 rebounds and Mike Dunleavy Jr. scored 12 points as the third-seeded Bulls grabbed a commanding lead in the series.

Game 3 is Thursday at Milwaukee. Khris Middleton led the sixth-seeded Bucks with 22 points, and Michael Carter-Williams scored 12. The Bulls were trailing 74-71 early in the fourth when Butler started a 13-0 run with a three-pointer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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IN BRIEF

Kings' Stoll facing drug charges after Vegas arrest

Los Angeles Kings centre Jarret Stoll is accused of having cocaine and Ecstasy with him when he was arrested on a felony drug charge at a Las Vegas Strip resort swimming pool, police said.

The 32-year-old Stoll was arrested Friday afternoon after security guards conducting a routine search to enter the MGM Grand hotel's Wet Republic pool complex found the drugs.

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Nicholson given bigger role with the Oilers

Bob Nicholson is getting an expanded role with the Edmonton Oilers.

The team announced Monday that Nicholson has been appointed as chief executive officer of Oilers Entertainment Group. In a release, the Oilers said Nicholson will take over an expanded set of responsibilities, including authority over all aspects of business and hockey operations. Nicholson joined the Oilers organization as vice-chair in June 2014 after a successful career with Hockey Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ATHLETICS

Bombed marathon victor succeeds again

Lelisa Desisa won his first Boston Marathon in 2013. But he didn't have much time to celerate. A few hours after Desisa broke the tape on Boylston Street on Patriots' Day, two bombs near the finish line turned what should be the pinacle of any distance runner's career into an afterthought.

Ethiopian Desisa earned his second Boston Marathon title Monday, finishing in 2 hours, 9 minutes, 17 seconds to claim a golden olive wreath, the \$150,000 first prize and a winner's medal to replace the one he donated to the city two years ago in memory of the victims.

And this one he plans to enjoy. "This medal, I think, is for me," Desisa said. Kenya's Caroline Rotich

won the women's beating Mare Dibaba in a shoulder to-shoulder sprint down Boylston Street. Boston Ath-

Ethiopia's Lelisa Desisa THE ASSOCIATED letic Association spokesman Jack Fleming interrupted the winner's news conference to place the trophy on the table next to Desisa and 2014 winner Meb Keflezighi and thank them both for helping the race heal.

"In 2013, Lelisa had won and we were sitting in these same chairs. And then soon after, and unfortunately, Lelisa did not get to have the kind of victory celebration that a champion of the Boston Marathon should have," Fleming said. "Lelisa, we want you to get your due today."

Desisa was in the leading pack for the entire race, pulling away to beat countryman Yemane Adhane Tsegay by 31

seconds in the first 1-2 finish for Ethiopia in the race's history.

Kenya's Wilson Chebet was third, another 34 seconds back.

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Ingredients

- 1 tsp vegetable oil
- 1/3 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/2 tsp chopped garlic
- · 3/4 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1/4 cup diced red bell pepper • 1/2 cup egg substitute (or 2 large eggs)
- · 3 egg whites
- 1/3 cup low-fat milk
- 1 cup fresh baby spinach
- 1/2 cup shredded Havarti
- · 2 Tbsp chopped parsley

Directions

1. Lightly coat a small nonstick skillet with cooking spray. Add the oil and set over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and sauté for 3 minutes. Add the mushrooms and red pepper and cook for 5 minutes just until mushrooms are dry. Set aside.

- 2. Wipe out the skillet and respray. Combine the egg substitute, egg whites and milk. Cook for 4 minutes over medium heat or until the egg begins to set. Add the onion and mushroom mixture, spinach and cheese. Cover and cook another 2 minutes, or until the cheese melts
- 3. Slip the frittata onto a serving platter with a spatula. Cut into wedges, garnish with parsley and serve immediately

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 205
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- Saturated fat 4.2 g
- · Cholesterol 17 mg
- · Sodium 320 mg

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☀ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20 You want to make a useful contribution to what's going on around you but the only way you can do that is to join with other people. You can be a loner if you wish but you will get more done if you are not so aloof

Taurus April 21 - May 21 It's time to finish those tasks that should have been completed a long time ago. The Sun in your sign means your energy levels will peak over the next few days so get on top of your workload.

Gemini May 22 - June 21 Work will be the dominant theme later in the week, so make the most of your freedom to come and go as you please now. As a Gemini you like to get out and about and meet new people — so what are you waiting for?

Cancer June 22 - July 23 One of the most trying periods of the year has come to an end and you managed to survive! You may be in the mood to celebrate but don't go over the top. The planets warn you need to stay out of trouble today.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23 Tell everyone what they want to hear today, even if you don't believe a word of it and even if you don't believe they believe it either. You are not in the mood for arguments.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 You must question everything you hear today, because the planets warn that some of the things you will be told are designed to mislead you rather than inform you.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23 Make your own value judgments today. What others say may be interesting but it is essential that you follow your instincts rather than follow the herd.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 Quite likely you will say or do something silly today but it's no big deal. In fact it will most likely endear you to people who previously thought of you as a bit too perfect and self-controlled. Seems you're human after all!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21 You will find yourself in just the right place at just the right time to do something worthwhile today. Make the most of it - it won't always be this easy.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

The Sun in your fellow Earth sign of Taurus at this time of year makes all things possible, for you at least, so don't limit yourself to petty ambitions. Go for gold.

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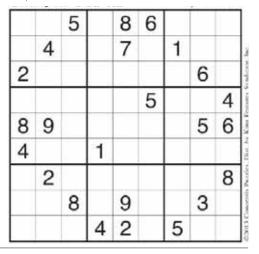
Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19 Friends may know you need assistance but they won't lift a finger to help you unless you ask them to. That may annoy you a bit but most likely it's your own fault. They've been told off before for interfering in your affairs

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20 You will be confronted with a very tough challenge today and you will deal with it with ease. That might surprise those people who have only ever seen the softer side of your nature but there is a core of steel running through the Pisces personality

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